GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:551
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RETURN OF RUSSIAN VALUABLES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Russia has requested India to return all valuables left behind by famous Russian painter, Svetosloo Roerich, who made India his home; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) A request has been received from the Government of the Russian Federation for the return ofthe remains of Svetoslav Roerich for reburial in St. Petersburg. The Government is examining this request.